

A NEW BEGINNING

On February 19th, 2007 Governor Camacho revitalized the Bureau of Women's Affairs and appointed Telo Taitague as the acting director. Due to the current financial strain being placed on the Government of Guam's General Fund, it has become critically important for the bureau to reach out, seek and acquire resources, both technical and financial, to carry out its goals and objective. The Chamorro Village became a temporary home for the women's bureau.



GRANT SUPPORT FOR UOG

The University of Guam Isla Psychological Services Center has applied for a grant to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking on campus. The BWA became a contributor in support of this grant which later was award to the University of Guam.

BWA signs grant application for the University of Guam.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

PROCLAMATION SIGNING

Acting Governor Dr. Mike Cruz proclaims May 13-19, 2007, as "National Women's Health Week." It is obvious that women are becoming more independent, ambitious and fearless. Keeping up with our hectic schedules we tend to set aside our basic health needs. During this week I encourage all women young and old to follow up with your doctors, schedule your mammograms, take that stress test, start that exercise program you keep putting off and most especially courage other women to do the same. And for those who maintain a healthy life style, go ahead, buy that expensive purse, you deserve it.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The University of Guam Women and Genders studies kicked off women's history month with displays of historical event's with photo', artifacts and other historical at it campus library.

Kudos to Dr. Helen Thompson associate Professor of Women and Gender studies and Dr. Seya Turk Smith associate Professor of Psychology.



THE TENTH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

OF PACIFIC WOMEN- NEW CALEDONIA

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community hosted 24 counties throughout the Pacific to address women's issues. The overall aim of the Conference is to bring together decision makers within government development partners, academics and non-governmental organizations to ensure more rapid progress to advancing gender equality in our region. This year's theme "Stepping up the Pace to 2010" gave us the opportunity to share our countries issue, successes, recourses, and solution. The country of Tonga honored us by quoting a portion of our closing remarks during this conference in there locale media http://www.matangitonga.to/article/SPC_030607_348_pf.shtml

24 Ministers from the Pacific



Press conference with Dr. Jimmie Rogers-Director General

Mme Dewe eperi Gorody- Vice President of New Caledonia

BWA CHAIRS LIBERATION QUEENS COMMITTEE AND

CHANGES THE RULES

This years Liberation we took away the raffles tickets and brought back tradition. The Queen was not chosen on how many raffles tickets she sells but instead based on personality, charm, intelligence and community service. The pageant was held at the beautiful Sheraton Laguna Resort ballroom where these young ladies modeled native costumes and beautiful gowns. Congratulation goes to DeAna Arriola Miss Liberation Queen 2007 and all the young ladies who made this possible.

The Little Miss Liberation Queen competition was even more exciting. These beautiful little girls rose over \$6,000.00 to 7 different non-profit organizations and all became winners in our hearts. Congratulations to Little Miss Liberation 2007 Queen Amaya Cruz and all her royal court princess.



Meet the 2007 Liberation Queen candidates



Little Miss Liberation Queen candidate
and her mom

DIRECTORS POSITION IS CONFIRMED

It was a far cry from a religious confirmation but non the less the BWA requires a legislation confirmation. Senator Judy Won Pat and Senator Palacios presided over the hearings with several question and yes there opinions. I am humbled but mostly relieved to say my confirmation was confirmed with a unanimous vote from the 29th Guam Legislature.